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what's happening at the bridge

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**Our *mission* at the bridge Presbyterian Church is to help people**

**Connect with God's people in your life  
Connect with God's purpose in your life  
Connect with God's passion for your life**

**Sun. May 31** – 10:00 am - Sunday Services via FB live

**Wed. June 3** - 4:00 pm - Session Meeting (Zoom)

**Fri. June 5** - 1:00 pm - Women of the bridge (Zoom)

**Sun. June 7** – 10:00 am - Sunday Services via FB live

## Facebook Live and Zoom

### FB LIVE and Zoom - Wed. at 12:30

Before the service visiting time Zoom - 9:25 - 9:55

**Sunday 10:00 am**—Worship -FB Live

if you have not been receiving invite to Zoom - email Wanda at thebridgpres@gmail.com. She will add you to the list.

Also look for login in info on Friday's Liturgy email

Please let Wanda know if you are having any trouble getting on zoom or Facebook live. She wants to help in anyway. Email her at thebridgepres@gmail.com

**Missed Last Weeks Service - Watch it here**

Sunday May 24th - FaceBook Live Service



### **The bridge Core Habits**

What does a disciple of Jesus Christ look like at ***the bridge***? Our core habits answer that question. Our core habits are:

*Pray daily - Worship together weekly - Welcome & Include everyone - Belong to a small group -  
Give generously - Cherish children -  
Forgive & reconcile continually - Serve our community*

## **Worship Weekly**

**Date: May 31, 2020**

**Title: The Virtue of Doing Nothing**

**Text: Acts 1: 1 – 11; Acts 2: 1 - 13**



### **Questions:**

- Think about something you're waiting for right now. Why is it so difficult to wait? Share how living in a culture of instant gratification makes it hard for us to cultivate a posture of waiting
- Why is it so hard to wait on God? What prevents you from being more patient in your relationship with Jesus? Share ideas you have to help cultivate the virtue of waiting on the Lord.
- Read Acts 1: 1 – 9: Why did Jesus tell his disciples to wait? What were they to wait for? What were they to do while they waited? What do you think it was like for the disciples to wait?
- Read this quote from the sermon: "Waiting, that's not only hard for most of us, it's also under-valued. You know what is not under-valued, doing! We Americans are doers. We love to do stuff. In fact, in our culture, it's applauded even virtuous to be productive and resourceful. Even in our Christian sub-culture doing and accomplishing is admired far more than waiting and praying.:"
  - Why do Christians value doing and accomplishing more than waiting and praying?
  - What's wrong with valuing doing and accomplishing more than waiting and praying? How much of our Christian faith is about what we do and how much of the Christian faith is about getting in on what God is doing? Explain the difference.
- Read Acts 2: 1 – 12: The Church was birthed in waiting. Why was waiting so important to the earliest disciples? Some theologians refer to the Pentecost experience as a time when: "God was making all things new." What do you think is meant by that phrase? Do you agree or disagree?
- If you are in a small group, discuss why it is so hard to patiently wait for us to re-gather in worship? Share with the group any possible merit in praying and waiting during this time.
- Discuss with the group how the Lord is at work making all things new during this unsettling, unpredictable time? What do you think is and will change in our church in the future? How do you see the Lord at work leading us into new ways of being and doing church post-COVID?

## bridge "Notes" from Patty



I hope this week's "bridge notes" finds you well and comfortable. I'm listening to a few tunes this morning while I watch the humming birds and the rain outside my window. This song seems so appropriate for what we're living through right now. Please sit back and enjoy Andrae Crouch singing "Through it All". "I've learned to trust in Jesus, I've learned to trust in God". I hope this is one we can sing together someday soon. I hope you like it. I enjoy seeing your pictures and mementos on Sunday and I talk to them every week but I wish they could talk back to me. I miss you all but hope to see you soon. Stay peaceful and faithful... through it all!

<https://youtu.be/xO5Qt2VQn4k>



Wanda will be taking Monday and Tuesday, June 1st and 2nd for vacation. All emails and phone messages will be answered on Wednesday, June 3rd.

If it is an emergency, Please contact Patty Lyerly at [patty.lyerly@gmail.com](mailto:patty.lyerly@gmail.com) or call her at (910) 795-3403

## Regathering at the bridge

Services on-line are now a fact of our **bridge** church life and will continue. Covenant partners have also expressed the desire to gather either outdoors or in our sanctuary. Session will be creating a bridge **regathering** plan which we hope will allow us to come together in community both virtually and physically for meaningful worship experiences and staying connecting through our other ministries. Using guidelines from the CDC and our Coastal Carolina Presbytery, the Disaster Recovery Team is putting together some goals and recommendations for creating a safe environment for physical worship and continuation of our missions. As you can imagine, many questions have been raised and need to be answered. Progress and decisions will be shared with you. We ask for your patience, support, and prayers as we take steps along this new path.



## **Pray Daily**

### **Prayers for:**

- Jay Benton, son of Gerald and Laurie Benton, surgery to remove his tonsils on 6/4; prayers for a Jay, his family, and his medical team.
- Pete Erbe, long-term lung issues now requiring full-time oxygen; prayers for Pete and Dana as they adjust to Pete's new health requirements.
- Casey, MRI to diagnose blood loss to the eye (friend of Ethel Adams).
- Jean, Lisa Myer's Aunt, starting chemotherapy treatments for colon cancer (Lisa and Wayne Myers).
- Tommy Broadwater, receiving treatment for Rocky Mountain spotted fever (RMSF).
- Mark, in a medically induced coma following a stroke; prayers for healing for Mark and for strength for his wife Judy and their family (close friends of Marilyn and John Vernon).
- Wayne Armstrong, recovering at home from procedure to place a stent in his leg.
- Richard Cantin, healing from radiation treatments to his salivary glands; prayers for strength and comfort for Marie and Richard.

### **Sympathy**

Prayers for family and friends of Vicky Martenis, in her death on 5/26 (close friend of Cathy Boettcher).

**Note: Names in parentheses indicate those who made the prayer request.**

# **Cherish Children**



During this time, it is important to stay connected to each other and to God. Because we are unable to connect in person, the Children and Families Ministry team will do our best to keep up our "normal" Sunday morning routine of having a "lesson" with activities and crafts that go along with Dr. Doug's sermons. Families, please check your email for activities, lesson ideas, and other resources from Elizabeth Murray. Please email Elizabeth at [efmurray1975@gmail.com](mailto:efmurray1975@gmail.com) if you are not getting the resources and would like to.



**The bridge Presbyterian Church  
Congratulates the following Graduates and their  
families.**



Kailyn O'Connor, granddaughter of Ruth and Rich Hepner, graduated from Medical School. as the valedictorian of her class at ECU.

She will officially begin her residency on July 1 with the Vidant Health system of 9 hospitals serving 1.4 million people in 29 eastern NC Counties.



We'd love to recognize your 2020 graduate too: from elementary school to graduate school!

Please send their name, school, degree or accomplishment, and relationship to you

to [thebridgepres@gmail.com](mailto:thebridgepres@gmail.com).

# Give Generously

**This week's offering is \$ 3,165**

As you continue to give generously during this time, you can mail your pledges to **497 Olde Waterford Way, Suite 205, Leland, NC 28451** or set up direct payment where your bank will mail a check. It is very easy to set up and if you have any questions or need help, one of the generosity team members will be glad to talk to you. Just let Wanda know.

## Serve Our Community

### **UPRECO - the Sheppard and Lapsley Presbyterian University of the Congo**

Our featured Sustainable Mission Partner for May is UPRECO, the Sheppard and Lapsley Presbyterian University of the Congo. Their mission is to educate leaders for the Congolese Church and nation as pastors, educators, lawyers, computer technicians, and agronomists, in a Christian environment. Just \$300 provides one year of college. Our goal is to support women students and faculty with financial resources to nurture the well-being and rights of women in the Congo. If you feel called to make a donation of any amount to this global mission, please make your check out to the bridge Presbyterian Church, with UPRECO on the memo line, and send to 497 Olde Waterford Way, Ste. 205, Leland, NC 28451.



### **Brunswick County Street Reach - June Sustainable Partner**

Our featured Sustainable Mission Partner for June is Brunswick County Streetreach. This is a faith-based, all-volunteer organization that provides assistance to the homeless in Brunswick County.

They partner with Angel Tree Camps for children of incarcerated parents. It costs \$50 for a child to enjoy a faith-filled camp for one week. If you would like to help sponsor a child, please make your check out for any amount to The Bridge Presbyterian Church with Angel Tree Camp in the memo, and send it to 497 Olde Waterford Way, #205, Leland, NC 28451.

We will also be collecting beach towels, suntan lotion and single-serving snacks later in June.

Thank you for supporting this mission project, and for bringing joy to a child who is most likely living in poverty.

# Misc. Announcements

## The bridge Cookbook

The Hospitality Team is excited to announce its plans to publish our first Bridge Presbyterian Church cookbook! With your help we hope to have it available for purchase between the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays, 2020. Profits from this project will go to support two of our sustainable mission partners, Hope Harbor House and New Hope Clinic. Both missions are centered in Brunswick County and offer programs to either victims of domestic violence and their families or provide quality medical, dental and pharmacy services to low income and the uninsured.

Our cookbook will be dedicated to the memory of Ann Batten who passed away in February of this year. Ann and her husband, Virgil, joined the Bridge Presbyterian Church in the fall of 2017. Ann was actively involved in the Women of the Bridge and was instrumental in getting us thinking about publishing a cookbook. However, the cookbook committee did not get up and running until the month following her sudden death. We will miss her guidance as we work on this project, but the Batten Family has promised to submit many of her favorite recipes for us to enjoy.

So here is where each of you comes in! We are asking each of you to share some of your favorite recipes and submit them for entry in our cookbook. The heart of a great cookbook is great recipes, so it is important that we include recipes from as many contributors as possible. If you know of other relatives or friends who are good cooks please invite them to share their favorite recipes with us, as well. Being a small church, we would encourage you not to limit the number of recipes you submit. You are encouraged to share around 10 -12 recipes each so that all our categories and subcategories include a wide range of deliciousness!

There will be three ways for you to submit your recipes. One way is to use the U-Type It Online feature of Cookbook Publishers. (Further information will be forthcoming with directions for you to follow to get on their website to type your recipes directly into our account.) For those that prefer not to type your own recipes on-line the committee is setting up a basket outside the office doors at the church for you to drop off your submitted recipes or you can take a photo/copy of your recipes and send them directly to [kathywestphal16@gmail.com](mailto:kathywestphal16@gmail.com). Our committee will be happy to do the typing for you!

So, while we spend more time at home due to Covid-19, please consider spending time looking through your file boxes, scribbled recipe notes or organized folders of your family favorites and decide on the ones you most wish to share with your church family and friends.

Your Cookbook Committee,

Kathy Westphal, chair

Cathy Wilson

Sharon Wingert

Joyce Roberts

Mary Campbell

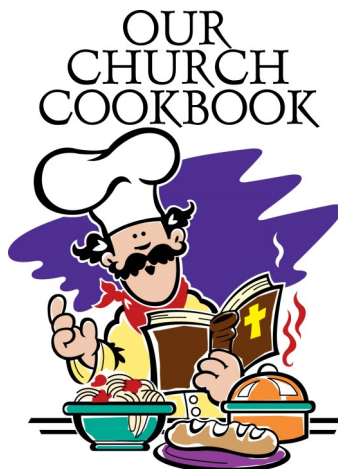
**\*\*\* instructions on submissions following**



## U-TYPE IT ON-LINE DIRECTIONS FOR COOKBOOK RECIPES

- Go to [cookbookpublishers.com](http://cookbookpublishers.com)
- Scroll down & click on green button that says U-Type It Online.
- Login information: Login Box: bridgepresby  
Password: 497waterford
- On next screen, click green edit button.
- Click on recipe box icon.
- You should now be in section for adding recipes. Click on orange box at top "Add a Recipe". Don't do anything with recipe status at this time. Leave it set to Data Entry.
- Choose a category and a subcategory for your recipe from the drop- down box.
- Type in recipe title, using capital letters for all important words.
- Subtitle box: If you are submitting a Bridge Cookoff Recipe please state: Church Cookoff Recipe (or Winner) in this box.
- Type in your name, double checking spelling!
- You can open boxes on right for Common Abbreviations and Special Characters (i.e. degree symbol). Use abbreviations for consistency.
- List ingredients, only 1 per line. Use the + box to add more boxes for more ingredients.
- Type instructions in paragraph form. Type "Note:" at the end of paragraph if there is something special to say about this recipe or for clarification. We may or may not include the notes in the final cookbook, depending on cost or how many we get.
- Preview recipe. If you find an error, please go back to where you typed in the ingredients/ directions and make changes.
- Must hit SAVE!!! or SAVE & ADD ANOTHER RECIPE!!! or we will lose your recipe!

Please note that you must spell out the word "and". This program does not recognize the & symbol.





## Celebrating Birthdays at the bridge - May



Karen	Santone	8
Dana	Erbe	11
Clyde	Queen	11
Lydia	Stevens	17
Greer	Broadwater	19
Kerrin	Polaski	20
Don	Ullum	21
Page	Humphreys	24
Marilyn	Vernon	24
Ethel	Adams	27
Patricia	Shaffar	29

## Celebrating Birthdays at the bridge - June

Richard	Cantin	3
Bettye	Weihs	16
Matt	Stevens	20
Romie	Holmes	23
Mary	Campbell	28